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CANTINAS RANCH FOUNDATION



Newsletter

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Welcome to Cantinas Ranch as we hope to Inform,
Inspire and Invest in communicating with you!

Since January CRF has raised \$5,660 through donations and tithing; thank you to everyone who has made this happen. The money will be used for the extension bridge, which provides a vital element towards the permitting process, and supports emergency access to the campus. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bless others, and send your contribution today. Please keep Cantinas Ranch Foundation in your prayers as we go forward seeking county approval for land use, fire, water, and sign off on our buildings plan approval. Pray that the Lord would give Cantinas Ranch representatives grace and favor when interacting with city and county officials.

“O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man (Those in Authority).”
Nehemiah 1:11

“And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the king's forest, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the King (Those in Authority) granted my requests.”
Nehemiah 2:8





Weather Forecast:
Spring showers will bring summer flowers!



“I will send you the seasonal rains. The land will then yield its crops, and the trees of the field will produce their fruit.” Leviticus 26:4

Celebration of the Arts 2011 has poured out Living Water up and down the coast of California. Taking the master workshop and worship experience to locations at Malibu’s Dance Star, Ventura’s Marriot, Van Nuys’s Church On The Way, and Los Angeles’s World Impact Teen Center. Beginning in February, the thundering in the heavens was accompanied by the tapping of feet, as participants twirled umbrellas to “Singing in the Rain”. Sheryl Murdock shared the message of God’s “Living Water”. The seasonal rainy weather continued as the Ventura COTA event drew near. The Ventura event attracted over 80 participants from all over Southern California. The message of the event was directed to how to capture this Living Water in ourselves. In essence, how can we metaphorically be a pot or rain barrel that the Lord can fill? And then how are we able to share that “Living Water” with others? ***“Anyone who believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from their hearts.” John 7:38*** Guest performers clogged during our Watermusic Showcase and joined the thundering sounds of the storm!



Celebration of the Arts ministered next at Church On The Way featuring drama, instrumental, dance, and vocal instruction. Although the skies were clear that day...participants pondered the attributes of being prepared for the storms in our lives, all the while, you could hear the Watermusic pouring out of classrooms and flowing through the participant’s movements. ***“Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.” Matthew 7:25***

Our next event took place in the heat of summer. In July, COTA ministered to youth, teens, and adults at the World Impact Center of Los Angeles. We brought much needed rain to a desert garden grateful for the Living Water. ***“For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants and my blessings on your children.” Isaiah 44:3***

Participants danced, sang, and flagged with worshipful hearts, fluid with the ease, unity, and joy of the day.



“Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring flowers. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!” Isaiah 35:1-2

Upcoming Events:

October 22nd: Hawaii

November 5th:

Shepherd on the Hill

“Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightening lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. Your path led through the sea, your way led through the mighty waters, although your footprints were not seen.” Psalm 78:18-19

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In The Word, the marketplace outreach ministry through the game of scrabble, has made a “triple word” score over the past 10



months! Beginning with 10 leaders and 2 participants, the ministry has now touched over 75 women and has impacted the communities surrounding Malibu. An event day includes lunch or dinner, laughter, scrabble playing and then closes with a devotional and prayer. The

leaders prepare heartfelt personal insights from scripture, which reflect a special “word” and “message” they want to share with the women. In The Word gatherings have become one of the favorite gathering places of not only women seeking God, but a most needed watering place for women in leadership to be refreshed. In The Word completed the year with a luncheon gala honoring the pastoral leadership in the Malibu community. Seven pastors from different churches attended the event, and “connected” with the 55 women attending through fun interactive games, awards, and presentations, spurring better interest, support, and unity for the greater church of Malibu. In The Word has been a great tool for connecting the

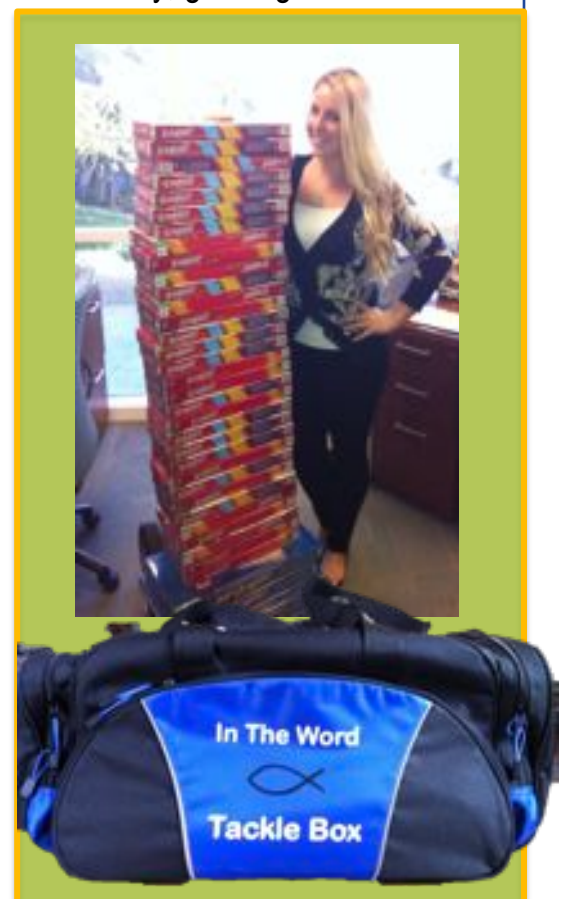
body of Christ in a community, growing Christian fellowship amongst the different denominations, and well as a loving safe environment for women seeking fellowship and the Lord.



Cantinas Ranch has prepared In The Word “Tackle Boxes” for satellite groups that might be interested in beginning this ministry at their church, bible study, or prayer group. Each kit includes everything one might need to get started. Contact Alicia@cantinasranch.org if you are interested in starting an In The Word in your area. Our leadership will team will come and help you host an event to get you started and the kits are free. We will support your group through our website and prayer team.

Check it out and go fishing with us!

www.getconnectedintheword.com



Featured Instructor

Amick Byram

“I had a wonderful experience in teaching the vocal workshop at Celebration of the Arts. The young people were eager, talented, and at the showcase performance gave their heart and souls. The most important thing was that their performance and their gifts were dedicated to the giver of their gifts... and that made all the difference. I believe that Celebration of the Arts is a wonderful program for the refining of God’s performing gifts in young people that will pay dividends in their lives, their hearts and in the lives of others “forever. ” – Amick Byram: Vocal Instructor

Amick Byram sang the role of Moses in the animated feature film, The Prince of Egypt and on stage has performed in many productions including Phantom of the Opera, (Broadway and LA), Les Miserables, (West Coast Premiere at the Shubert Theater) in the roles of Marius and Enjolras, and Sunset Boulevard as Joe Gillis playing opposite Glenn Close. Amick is the recipient of 2 Grammy nominations for vocal jazz albums. You have heard Amick’s voice on Shrek, Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, Pocahontas, Hercules, Mulan, El Dorado, and literally hundreds of other feature films. Amick can be heard on many television and radio commercials and singing voices in over 100 episodes of The Simpsons. As an actor, you may recognize him as Ian Troi, Counselor Troi’s father from Star Trek, The Next Generation. Some of Amick’s other television guest roles have been on Ally McBeal, Kristin, Frasier, Friends, Saved By the Bell, and Superior Court on which he appeared as a series regular for 3 seasons playing attorney Darrell Guillary.

Amick is also a theatrical producer and director. He has directed five world premieres of new musicals with budgets from one-half million dollars to 8 million dollars and has produced theater regionally and at the John Houseman Theater in NYC. He is the Founding Producing Director of American Coast Theater Company in Costa Mesa, California and is a guest artist lecturer at Colleges and Universities.

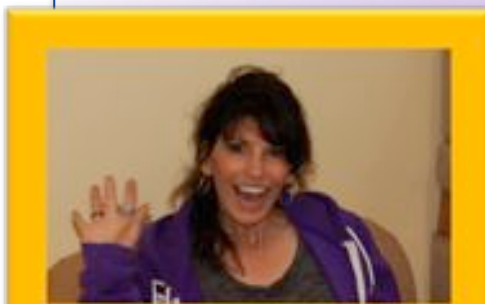


“As a Cantinas Ranch Board member, I have attended several end-of-the-day Celebration of the Arts performances. Each time, I have been moved to tears by the tremendous beauty of watching young people express themselves and their love of God through the arts. But it was only when I served as a volunteer and experienced for myself the care and prayer that goes into each and every detail of the day that I realized how truly remarkable this experience is for young people. There are no prerequisites, no auditions, and no judgment

about ability or previous training. Everyone is accepted equally, regardless of training or skill level. This unique experience is *truly* about celebrating the arts, and learning to use the arts as a way to express true joy and the love of God. Even young people who may not know Christ experience Him at some level because of the honor that is given to Him in each COTA workshop.” -Rev. Melody Rossi, M.M., Opera singer, Cantinas Ranch Board Member, and Founder of Cloud and Fire Ministries

“I think Saturday was such a blessing. I had such a good time. I seriously had a moment where I stopped to breathe to take it all in and how sweet it was!!! I've been going and going, but I felt God stop me and sayare you getting this?! good stuff....”

- **Misty RasconSmith:**
Dance Instructor



Melody Rossi

AUDIENCE OF ONE

The overall ministry outreach of the Celebration of the Arts workshops is to re-focus our talents to God and live our lives focused on Him as our Audience of One. Kylie Hughes has beautifully written and sung the meaning of this in her single with a metaphor of dance to express how we can all live our lives striving to please ourselves, others, or Jesus. If you would like to have a copy of the CD, send in a donation of \$5 or more to Cantinas Ranch Foundation, and we will get it to you!

Howdy Partners, want to get involved?

CRF is 501(C)(3) Non-Profit organization, and we are grateful for any and all donations. A tax receipt will be mailed to you for any contributions made.

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Vision Casting Summer 2011

Cantinas Ranch certainly has been graced with the Lord's blessing the past 6 months, as His favor continues to touch the ministry. Praise to God and thank you to everyone who supports the ministry through volunteering, prayer, financial resources, talent, and hard work! Our team has learned this year to embrace the storms in our lives as an opportunity to grow in faith and character. As Christians, we put our trust in Him who is trustworthy. It is the lack of understanding on our part that will challenge us during stormy trials, but God is always faithful to "work all things together for good, for those who love Him". So as our economy continues to rain "gloom" and the weather forecast is "stormy skies" ahead...know that the "Son" is behind the clouds and that every rainstorm brings the promise of a radiant rainbow. We need rainwater in order to refresh the land, grow the plants, and refill our reservoirs. Remember that a rainy day is a good time to hunker down at home and curl up with a "Good Book"... "The Book"! We pray that the Word of God may water your soul this summer. Stay faithful, trust in Christ, and learn to embrace the rain!

"Let my teaching fall on you like rain." Deuteronomy 32:2

Founders: Wendy & Wayne Hughes Jr.

"And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps." Revelation 14:2



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